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**Title:**

Distributor module for valve stacks and  
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**CORRECT INFORMATION:**

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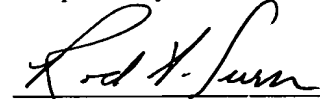
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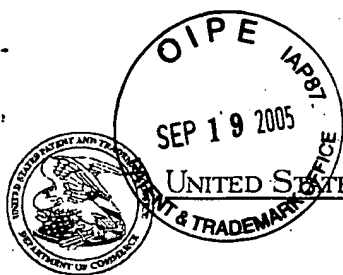
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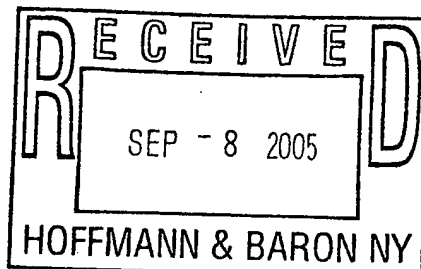


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## Title

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